# OLD RAIL FENCE IS MOURNED

Too Wasteful for Modern Days, but It Had Its Points of Real Usefulness.

Among the once necessities of farm life that reflected prodigality in the use of valuable timber was the old rall fence. Like many other almost bygones of rural life, its piace in farm wastefulness now is well established, and yet it had its uses for which the straight-libe wire fence cannot qualify.

The old rall fence's serrated stretches were the homes of small animal life that now is capidly disappear ing. Around its timbers there grew the uncultivated blackberry, with its sister the raspberry, and among its recesses there thrived the eider, whose fruit once was coveted pie material and whose blossoms were the founda-tion for elderberry wine that matrons served of a winter evening when the neighbors gathered.

The rail fence, with its invariable undergrowth, was the favorite protect tion for Bob White in winter, and from Its top he sang in the warmer season Beneath, the little ground squirrel burrowed. From safe retreat he chattered If some intruder came near to annoy him as he was busily engaged in gath ering his store of food for the snow

To the harvest hand it afforded protection at the end of the long row for a brief respite and its corners formed shaded nooks under which the water tug might be kept.

And from what royal timber was this old fence constructed! Black walnut logs, chestnut logs and the smooth length of the ash tree were cleft by numerous rail splitters for the "seven high" fence that stood the storms of decades. There was many a black walnut rall whose timber would make the manufacturer of gun stocks chortle with satisfaction had he such a pres ent supply of wood at his command.-Columbus Dispatch.

#### GOOD MATERIAL FOR BOILERS

Variety of Pumice Stone Is Coming Into General Use in Japan-Has Many Advantages.

"Roka Seki" is a variety of pumice stone which, as far as now known, reports Vice Consul H. T. Goodler of Yokohama, is only found in the small group of Niljima islands (New Islands), which ile off the coast of the Idzu peninsula, about ninety miles of Tokyo. Though used in Niijima from ancient times as a building material, only comparatively re-cently has "Koka Seki" become known commercially in Japan proper. Because of its durability, high tensile strength and capability of resisting 1,300 degrees C. of heat, it is suitable for boiler and furnace construction as well as inner linings of safes and the manufacture of ice chests. As it is claimed, it can be easily cut, will take a surface of paint or metal plating, and as nails can be driven in, it is thought that the uses of this material will greatly increase. It is however, in re-enforced concrete barge building in Japan that it is best

## Maeterlinck Loses a Dog.

Maurice Maeterlinck has a special weakness for animals in general and for dogs in particular. He was great ly distressed, therefore, when, the other day, a gentle little Pekinese which he owned was bitten by Alaska, an illmannered Eskimo dog, brought back

The little dog's injury was severe affecting the eye, and M. Maeterlinck, finding the animal's sufferings insupportable, called into consultation one of the best eye specialists in Nice. After a careful examination the physician declared that an operation was necessary. The four-footed patient, however, unable to take an anesthetic, died under the knife.

Now for services rendered, the specinlist has charged M. Maeterlinck the sum of 600 francs, which is maitre refuses to pay. The physician has gone to court with the matter.—From Le Petit Parisien, Paris.

## New Goldfield in Africa.

Another goldfield has been discovered in Easte, a Akim which promises untold wealth. King Oforlatta, who was educated on European lines, first secured the passage of laws similar to those adopted in South Africa to protect the country from exploitation. The king then proceeded with his investigations, but meanwhile a colonial government survey party unexpectedly discovered diamonds a year Oforiatta, after a year of research work, now claims that he has discovered that gravel deposits which have been worked for gold for centuries lies over a layer of clay, beneath which is more gravel than that of the top layer. Under his direction an area exceeding an acre has been excavat-The king states that he is satisfied that the indications point to the existence of huge goldfields.

## Like a Well-Known Voice.

A telephone call came to me one afternoon. The voice had the wellknown, honeyed tones of my best girl. She was somewhat peeved over an incident that had occurred a few evenings before. In order to reconcile her I revenied some of my feelings, which were meant for her alone. At the end of this conversation I was gratefully and bilariously thanked for my in formation by a suddenly changed voice. It proved to be a friend of mine, who took pains to see that I was told about it for weeks following.-Chicago Tribune.



Would Keep Off Most Anything. In Turkey the moment the roof is built over a new house it is customary to hang from the most prominent save a string of gartic, with an old shoe, to keep off the evil eye.

Twas Ever Thus. The hotel dweller longs for the comforts of home. And the home dweller longs for the comforts of a hotel. Brooklyn Eagle.

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Thrue for Ye. "Of hate flartery," said O'Rmen the other day. "Flattery makes ye think ye are betther than ye are, an' no man livin' can iver be that."-Boston Tran ecript.

Imperishable Attributes. Whatsoever that be within us that feels, thinks, desires and animates, is something celestial, divine, and consequently. imperishable.—Aristotle.

It is reported that Chinese property deeds or leases often have like signa tures. The reason is that land is often by syndicates and agreements must be signed by every member of an organization.

Boos.ed Up.

Let an adress ger praised to the cities and she is to a fair way of hecoming a star. - Boston Transcript.

Cultivate Cheerfulness Cheerfulness is a small virtue, it is

true, but it sheds such a brightness around us in this life that neither dark clouds nor rain can dispel its happy influence.-Alexander.

A woman stated at Westminster the other day that her bushand, saying he was going to have a shave, left the house six months ago, and had not re-



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### HAD BROUGHT ANOTHER LOAD

Colored Tobacco Grower Knew What Was Expected of Him, and Had Come Prepared.

A colored man from Kentucky drove to a loose leaf tobacco sules wareouse in one of the Indiana cities on

the Ohio with a load of tobacco. When he received his sales slip and weights he noticed the customary bank

Approaching the cashler he said:
"Look here, boss, where is t
money for this here tobacco?" T sales sheet was consulted.

"It's like this: the expenses for weighing, unleading and commission for seiling your tobacco amounted to more than the tobacco was worth. You still owe us just 59 cents," explained the cashler.

"Well, that's all right, I guess, but I ain't got a cent with me."

"Then next time you are coming over the river, just bring along a chicken with you and we will call the

Within a week the colored man ap-peared in the office with two chickens, one under each arm. "Here are the chickens."

"Sure-but you didn't have to bring two of them, one would have paid the

"Yes, boss, but I'se brought another load of tobacco."—Indianapolis News.

#### STRUGGLES ALONG ON \$80,000

University of Pennsylvania Law Student Who Receives Huge Income Lives in Modest Fashion.

"Wanted, a stenographer of unimpeachable character, experienced in shorthand and taking dictation, who will be willing to devote her Sundays to indexing and preparing the cases of a struggling law student at the University of Pennsylvania,"

This is the model of stenographic ability required by the university's richest student, John Jeffries V of England, who is "struggling" only in so far as his law work goes, for he came to this country with the mere trifle of \$80,000 a year on which to live, says the Philadelphia Inquirer.

Jeffries, who is a second-year student, already has one stenographer, but his earnest delving into the intri-cacies of Blackstone and his lik require more assistance and he is now looking for a suitable young woman to add to his staff.

The young Englishman, who is the fifth direct descendant of John Temp governor general of Ireland, and three cousins in the house of lords, is popular among his classmates, who declare that he is quite democratic, in spite of the burden of his wealth. He lives quietly and unpretentiously, and nothing in his mode of living seems to indicate that he spends even a half of \$80,000 allowed him.

Japanese Remain Buddhiste.

That 80 per cent of the Japanese living in the sugar plantation camps of Hawaii never have been touched by Christian propagands, and that American plantation owners, managers and others who have helped support Japanese Buddhist missions, foolish thing, if ever man did," were two of the statements made by Rev. Ulysses G. Murphy, representative of the American Bible society, in a re-cent address at Honolulu. Rev. Mr. Murphy also said that the

elder generation of Japanese living in the plantation camps, owing to their native country in thought and understanding of modern conditions.

Any attempt at Americanization of the Japanese in Hawali which leaves untouched their kome life and falls to recognize that the key to the problem is the Japanese language schools is foredoomed to failure, Rev. Mr. Murphy declared,

Almost Had It.
One of the Terre Haute ward schools was having a contest in seeing which children could learn the airs of a number of standard songs so they could tell their names when they beard a few bars of the melody played. After "Home, Sweet Home" "Old Black Joe" had been played several times the teacher put on the record "Belleve Me, If All Those Endearing Young Charms." It was played a few minutes and she began to look expectantly at the children.

Then a fair little youngster looked triumphantly up from the list of songs he had in his hand. "Oh, it's that believe me in tears all about your charms," he hazarded.-Indianapolis News.

Would You Believe It?

The game of croquet does not develop experts and enthusiasts to the extent that golf and tennis do; but more people play it and more wood is commed in providing the balls, mallets and stakes than in the production of golf clubs and tennis rackets combined, says the American Forestry Magazine of Washington, The entire playing outfit of croquet is made of wood except the arches, and sometimes these are of bent wood.

Some Large Emeralds.

One South American country has produced an emerald of 630 carats s'ze and claimed it was the largest emerald in the world, and then learned that fields in the Ural mountains have produced emeralds that weighed six and three-quarters pounds, while the South American stone weighed only one-third of a pound. The six and three-quarter pound emerald among the crown jewels of Russia, and its location now is unknown.